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The legislature closed its session with the adoption of a Sales Tax...

Two youths who essayed robbery and kidnaping at Salem, were caught, tried, convicted and landed in the penitentiary in 30 hours.

Mary Pickford is going to get a divorce from Douglas Fairbanks, and it is confidently expected that the majority of the population will be able to live through this somehow.

State-wide designation of drug stores as rum dispensaries would have made gas also seem scarce, and caused a great rush to get a box of liver pills, and start a saloon.

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Don't Miss It, Mr. Fruitgrower

THE Oregon State Horticultural Society meets here day after tomorrow for a two day session.

No one in the fruit business can afford to miss these sessions. Raising fruit is merely a form of manufacturing.

The latest information on these two problems will be presented, including the results of practical experience in recent years, in regard to irrigation, soil culture, spraying and pruning;

HERE in two days the ACCUMULATED information, of many years will be clearly presented.

The sessions will open at the Elks Temple Wednesday morning at 9:30, and close on Thursday afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Certainly the fruit industry in Southern Oregon, not only our foremost industry, but the very cornerstone of prosperity and well being in Southern Oregon, should be well represented at this important gathering.

Why, the Sales Tax?

YES the state legislature has AGAIN passed a sales tax. Why? Simply because, called in special session to solve the tax problem, they could find no other practical way to do it.

A representative body of citizens could not be called in ANY session of the state, and with the facts before them, conscientiously come to any OTHER conclusion. It's the only way. Why? Because the state is in a mess financially.

The property tax has broken down and can't provide it. The income tax has been materially increased, but incomes have so declined that further increases in this tax, simply would not supply the necessary revenue.

Where then IS the necessary cash to come from? Only where there IS cash. And WHERE is there cash? There is cash in sales—in the regular channels of trade,—there is also cash in the public utilities, for they do business in necessities on a cash basis.

So the members of the legislature, as representatives of the people, in passing this new sales tax,—involving a tax of one and one-half percent on tangible sales and public utility revenues,—did only what they had to do—if they were to perform the duty the governor of the state called on them to perform.

They passed this modified sales tax. With the greatest single tax paid to maintain our public school system,—and with the failure of the property tax threatening the destruction of that system,—the legislators very wisely provided that the revenues from this tax, should be devoted EXCLUSIVELY to maintaining our schools.

THE opponents of the sales tax—any sales tax,—of course don't like this. They maintain, the legislature in passing such a tax, "betrayed their sacred trust", and open defied the will of the people of this state, who at the last election defeated a sales tax about four to one.

This may "listen" well, but under any rational analysis it won't hold water. How long since, in ANY democracy, has the defeat of a measure, precluded the propriety of its revival? A state income tax was defeated four or five times before it finally passed and became a law.

The first principle of a democracy, is based upon the inalienable right of the people to change their minds. If a majority of the people of this state DON'T want this new sales tax, all they have to do is VOTE against it. If they DO want it, WHO would deny them the right to have it?

SO the legislature passed this sales tax, and we commend them for their courage and statesmanship in so doing. This tax is now, and since the tax collapse started, HAS in our opinion BEEN, the only way out of a situation that is intolerable.

No one likes a sales tax—or any other tax for that matter. But the question is not what we LIKE, but what we MUST DO, to keep our public schools open, and eventually balance our budget.

THE truth of this statement will become clearer as time goes on, and all the facts of the situation are presented. Between now and the inevitable referendum, we will merely urge our readers to study carefully the provisions of this new measure; study the tax situation in every particular as it exists, then form their opinions, based not upon what someone ELSE tells them (including this newspaper), but what they THINK THEMSELVES.

For the Mail Tribune is convinced if the wiles and arts of the demagogue and the professional politician can be eliminated from this proposal, the modified sales tax will win, simply because the people as a whole will find that it is to their enlightened self interest, to HAVE it win,—and thus allow their state to survive a critical and unprecedented financial emergency which threatens state wide financial ruin.

NEW TRUCK LAWS TO BE EXPLAINED. Announcing that much was accomplished at the special session of the legislature in the way of relief to the promoters could become intoxicated with their own nittiness.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

PEACE BE WITH YOU, FRIEND. It happens regularly when we make any positive assertion here or take a definite point of view or in any way utter an unequivocal opinion...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. My husband had severe migraine attacks at least every week. On your suggestion I got some tablets of calcium lactate, and he took them after meals for about three months.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Thoughts while strolling: Some day I'm going to ring the Cornelius Vanderbilt bell and inquire if they take roomers in a block—"Duke" Herrick and "Duke" Cross.

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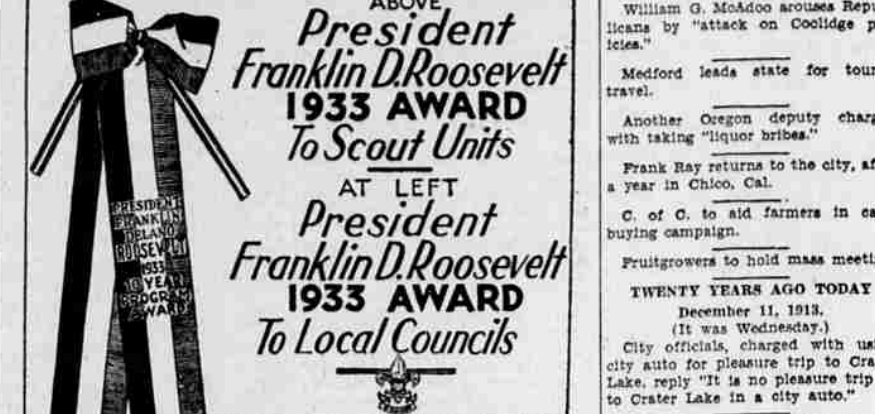
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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History From the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 11, 1923. (It was Tuesday.) William G. Madson arouses Republicans by "attack on Coolidge policies."

Medford leads state for tourist travel. Another Oregon deputy charged with taking "liquor bribes." Frank Bay returns to the city, after a year in Chico, Cal.

C. of C. to aid farmers in calf buying campaign. Fruitgrowers to hold mass meeting.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 11, 1913. (It was Wednesday.) City officials, charged with using city auto for pleasure trip to Crater Lake, reply "It is a pleasure trip to Crater Lake in a city auto."

Carl Y. Tengwald, sergeant in the "Sleepy Seventh" and colonel to the world, will have his fate discussed at the regular weekly drill at the "Nat" tonight. The colonel will attend the Elks' hall upstairs, stepping off "Colonel Tengwald's Sleepy Seventh Regimental Rag" while his military career is being blighted.

Police are called to the north end of town to subdue a gent who is dragging his wife down the street by the hair of her head.

The Greater Medford club to hold a fancy dress ball at the Nat to raise money to buy dahlias bulbs.

CCC STUDY CLASS FOR WINTER DAYS

Under the instructions of First Lieutenant Preston E. Rohner of Camp Kerby, CCC, at Selma, members of the camp who have not completed their high school education, will be given an opportunity to study the subjects this winter, that they have not yet completed, according to arrangements made with a southern Oregon high school.

Ostrich Diet Didn't Matter. CENTERVILLE, S. D.—(UP)—A hen that ate 87 varieties of scorpion on the John Jepp farm near here, proved good eating despite its diet.

Quartz Yielded Riches. OLINGHOUSE, Nev.—(UP)—Sixty pounds of quartz, panned out with pan and mortar, have produced \$1800 for Louis Farrar and Steve Matfin, leasers of the Dondaro mine here. They have shipped \$4000 worth of amalgam to date.

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A Havana newspaper is digging up the past of the new American ambassador, Jefferson Caffery, particularly his connection with the Barco concession granted while he was minister to Colombia.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. AFTER 13 years of national prohibition, it is possible now to go out and legally buy a drink of hard liquor.

So a lot of people, celebrating their new freedom, will go out and buy too much of it and DRINK TOO MUCH OF IT.

THESE people are the unwise ones. THE WISER ones will neither buy too much hard liquor nor drink too much.

They will be TEMPERATE. HEREAFTER, it will be perfectly legal to take a drink.

It will even be perfectly legal to take TOO MANY drinks, if you don't get out afterward and make a holy show of yourself.

BUT IT WON'T be smart.

COMPETITION for jobs is becoming more than ever before in the life-



Portrait of a man in a suit

Every dinner party has a Mae West imitator. All it requires is a hand on the hip and a whiney: "Why don't you come up to see me sometime?"

That mounted cop's a ringer for Chicago's Dick Greiner. Carl Van Vechten, after a year on the wagon, still goes to cocktail parties. I can recall but one toast, Kipling's: "My lords, ladies and gentlemen: For what there is of it—for such as it is, and for what it may be worth—it will you drink to England and the English?"

One of my favorite people—Arthur Samuels. The beautiful Mrs. Ray Robn. Limousines outside the five and tens. Dr. Christian Reiserer and Blide Dudley, once buddies in Kansas. Lennie Bergman, Erlanger's nephew. If you care for a nice hooting, pass those garages in the 30's, wearing spats.

One of the newer audacities at private affairs is the deaf journalist from Vienna who interviews guests "for a descriptive article for his paper."

McNamara, after a perspiring 15 minutes, insisted upon me spelling out my name at top voice. Finally he beamed understandingly: "Ach, I see—Whoo-whoa Mackelagagy!"

A former newspaperman who became a Wall Street customer's man sent from a \$60 a week post to a \$33,000 a year job. He flourished in a duplex apartment in West 57th street, entertaining lavishly until the crack-up. He is now in a Texas town running a garage and taking a friend received a letter: "I am living comfortably enough but I'm not going to say happily. Jim Brady spoke the truth when he said: 'It's fun being a sucker if you can afford it.'"

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